

1 the oil, (3) the "top kill" method in which viscous drilling fluid is pumped into the leak,
2 which was unsuccessful, and (4) the lower marine riser package cap containment system,
3 which required cutting off the damaged riser pipe at the top of the failed blow-out preventer,
4 and this procedure has been successful to some degree but it has not completely stopped the
5 leak; and

6 WHEREAS, the efforts of BP have thus far failed to protect the Gulf Coast,
7 especially the coastline, marshes, and estuaries of Louisiana, and its citizens and businesses,
8 and has resulted in an economic crisis for this state, its citizens and businesses; and

9 WHEREAS, BP has established a phone number to allow citizens to submit
10 alternative response technology, services, products or ideas for the oil leak; and

11 WHEREAS, BP has received over sixty-six thousand phone calls and another ten
12 thousand e-mails with ideas on stopping the oil leak and enhancing cleanup operations; and

13 WHEREAS, after hearing complaints that BP was not responding to solicitations, the
14 federal government established its own "suggestion box"; and

15 WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard's Research and Development Center is
16 now tasked with the duty to gather and disseminate ideas about dealing with the oil leak and
17 cleanup; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard receives the idea and then decides which
19 federal agency is best able to analyze the idea; and

20 WHEREAS, BP is working with the United States Coast Guard in sorting through
21 all ideas received by either of them; and

22 WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
23 Preparedness has established a separate "idea" pipeline at the Business Emergency
24 Operations Center housed at Louisiana State University to receive ideas for easing the oil
25 crisis; and

26 WHEREAS, constituents and businesses are also sending ideas and suggestions on
27 a daily basis to members of the Legislature; and

28 WHEREAS, delays in considering and testing ideas that could prove valuable in
29 cleanup and prevention of further harm have resulted in widespread frustration and anger;
30 and

1 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Legislature to assist in the consideration and
2 testing of potentially valuable ideas and suggestions.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 request the chairmen of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security and the House
5 Select Committee on Homeland Security to receive proposals on stopping the Deepwater
6 Horizon oil leak and on the cleanup of such leak, and to forward such proposals to the
7 appropriate state agency for analysis.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairmen are authorized to request such
9 assistance as may be deemed necessary from entities in the legislative branch, including the
10 Legislative Resource Center which has been activated, entities in the executive branch of
11 state government, and institutions of higher education to analyze any submitted proposals.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 chairmen of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security and the House Select
14 Committee on Homeland Security.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
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